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### **CLARK Material Handling in Louisville Earns Governor's Safety and Health Award**

*Employees work more than 725,000 hours without a lost-time incident*

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Feb. 10, 2015)** – Deputy Secretary Rocky Comito of the Kentucky Labor Cabinet today presented the Governor's Safety and Health Award to the employees of CLARK Material Handling in Louisville. The honor recognizes the employees for working more than 725,715 hours without a lost-time accident or illness.

Kentucky Labor Secretary Larry L. Roberts praised the accomplishment, which is the seventh Governor's Safety and Health Award for CLARK Material Handling in Louisville.

"This is yet another example in a long line of achievements that show how much emphasis CLARK Material Handling puts on safety," said Secretary Roberts. "When everybody pays attention to safety, it becomes part of the culture and tradition of a company, and that is exactly what we see here."

CLARK is a global manufacturer of powered industrial trucks with more than 550 locations worldwide and dealerships in 80 countries. The Louisville facility, which

employs more than 30 people, is a state-of-the-art parts distribution warehouse that services international and domestic dealerships. CLARK also has a facility in Lexington, which includes manufacturing, engineering, sales, marketing and corporate offices.

“Everyone at CLARK has safety as their top priority,” said CLARK President and CEO Dennis Lawrence. “Receiving the Governor’s Safety and Health award seven times for our Louisville facility is quite an accomplishment. It demonstrates that CLARK truly cares for the health and safety of its employees and that our employees are serious about ensuring our safety culture for the future. We are extremely proud of the employees in our facilities who create a culture of safety every day.”

The Kentucky Labor Cabinet presents the Governor’s Safety and Health Award in recognition of outstanding safety and health performance. An establishment may qualify for the award if its employees together achieve a required number of hours worked without experiencing a lost-time injury or illness. The required number of hours is dependent upon the number of employees. In the case of CLARK Material Handling, the requirement is 250,000.

The Governor’s Safety and Health Award program is part of Gov. Steve Beshear’s efforts to improve the health of all Kentuckians. The Governor launched [kyhealthnow](#) last year as an aggressive and wide-ranging initiative to reduce incidents and deaths from Kentucky’s dismal health rankings and habits. It builds on Kentucky’s successful implementation of health care reform and uses multiple strategies over the next several years to improve the state’s collective health.

Every establishment within the geographical boundaries of Kentucky is eligible, even if the establishment won the award the previous year. Eligibility is limited to one award during a 12-month period of time.

The award is a certificate mounted on a wooden plaque. The certificate contains the signatures of Kentucky Gov. Beshear, Secretary Roberts and Department of Workplace Standards Commissioner Anthony Russell.

For more on the Governor’s Safety and Health Award, and for a list of past winners, click [here](#).

For more on CLARK Material Handling Company, visit [www.clarkmhc.com](http://www.clarkmhc.com).

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